

SECRET

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WHITE HOUSE SUPPORT STAFF

25X1



Date: March 9, 1974

Item No.: WH-1

CIA/DCI

WHIZWH 740309

DIRECTOR: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

25X1

SUBJECT: CAMBODIA: The Military Situation



US Army attaches from Phnom Penh visited Kampot City on March 8 and reported that the situation there has improved. With the continued arrival of reinforcements, government strength there has grown to more than 3,000 and the local commander is planning to begin a counterattack in the next few days. Communist pressure continued, however, on all sides of the surrounded city. Military activity in the Phnom Penh area yesterday was limited to inconclusive skirmishing along the city's southern and northwestern fronts. Fifteen miles southeast of the capital government troops have begun making some progress in their efforts to clear Khmer Communist elements from a short stretch of Route 1. A Mekong River convoy arrived in Phnom Penh safely yesterday after encountering only minor harassing fire en route.

25X1

25X1

25X1

DIA review(s) completed.

SECRET

PAGE 1 OF 1